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FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6588

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR INRG EIND EFIN BL

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE REQUESTING USG INVESTIGATION

GULF OIL BRIBERY CHARGES

1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF FIRST PERSON  
NOTE HANDED AMBASSADOR UPON ENTRY INTO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE  
MAY 8:

"GS&049/23 LA PAZ, MAY 8, 1975

MR. AMBASSADOR: I HAVE THE HONOR TO ADDRESS YOU  
IN ORDER TO REFER TO NEWS TRANSMITTED BY INTERNATIONAL  
PRESS AGENCIES ABOUT CERTAIN DECLARATIONS ATTRIBUTED TO  
PERSONNEL OF THE AMERICAN FIRM GULF OIL COMPANY ABOUT AN  
ALLEGED BRIBERY BY THIS COMPANY OF HIGH LATIN AMERICAN  
OFFICIALS.

"IT WILL NOT HAVE ESCAPED YOUR ATTENTION THAT AN AFFIRMA-  
TION OF SUCH SERIOUSNESS WOULD DEEPLY CONCERN MY GOVERNMENT,  
REGARDLESS OF THE IMPRECISION AND VAGUENESS OF THE  
ACCUSATION WHICH HAS BEEN MENTIONED, COULD GIVE RISE TO  
SUPPOSITIONS THAT WOULD PUT IN DOUBT CONDUCT OF PERSONS  
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RELATED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF

BOLIVIA WITH IMPLICATIONS WHICH IT IS EASY TO IMAGINE.  
THEREFORE, AND ACTING TO PROTECT THE PRESTIGE OF  
BOLIVIA, MY GOVERNMENT HAS RESOLVED TO ADOPT THE MEASURES  
LISTED IN THE DOCUMENT APPROVED YESTERDAY BY THE CABINET  
AND WHICH I HAVE THE HONOR TO ATTACH TO THIS NOTE.  
"IN ACCORDANCE WITH POINT 3 OF THE DOCUMENT REFERRED TO,  
I ASK YOU IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO TRANSMIT TO YOUR  
GOVERNMENT THE REQUEST FOR COOPERATION SO THAT AN INVESTIGA-  
TION COULD BE HELD IMMEDIATELY ABOUT THIS SUBJECT WITH THE  
HOPE OF CLARIFYING THE STATEMENTS WHICH GULF OIL COMPANY  
HAS MADE BEFORE A UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.  
"I APPRECIATE BEFOREHAND YOUR ATTENTION WHICH WE WOULD  
HOPE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN  
THIS NOTE, AND I AVAIL MYSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
RENEW ETC. SIGNED COL. JUAN PEREDA ASBUN, ACTING  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

2. THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT IS TEXTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THE COMMUNIQUE  
REPORTED PARA 1 OF LA PAZ 3191.

3. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY UPON WHICH I  
MIGHT BASE AN APPROPRIATE ANSWER TO THE NOTE FROM THE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY.  
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